

Smokeless Rollers

League Rules, Summer 2010

1. Schedule

The Smokeless Rollers League and all members shall be sanctioned with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) through its local association. This league shall consist of 10 teams with a playing strength of five bowlers per team. A mixed team status must be maintained for all matches with a maximum 4:1 gender ratio.

Teams entering the league with less than a full playing strength of five players have three weeks to obtain a mixed team status, after which they will forfeit those games bowled without mixed team status.

There will be two position rounds scheduled on the 6th and 13th weeks of the league schedule. Ties for position pairings shall be determined by total pinfall including handicap.

This league will bowl on Mondays for 13 weeks, commencing on 24 May 2010. All scheduled matches will begin promptly at 18:30 (6:30 p.m.). The league will finish its schedule on Monday, 30 August 2010, with no bowling scheduled for Monday, 31 May 2010 (Memorial Day) and Monday, 5 July 2010 (Independence Day - observed).

2. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in the entire center per Virginia State law. Members must cover BOTH bowling shoes or change into street shoes before stepping outside the center during a league session.

3. Management

The Management of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the officers and team captains. Meetings should be called with a week notice unless a special meeting is called. When a meeting is called, a quorum of all officers and team captains should be present.

4. Fees

The amount to be paid each week by each member shall be \$18.00, of which \$11.95 will cover the cost of bowling, with the balance to be placed in the league account. Each team captain shall be responsible for the team's bowling fees of \$90.00 each night, which is due and payable to the secretary-treasurer before the start of the second game.

The bowling fees of \$36.00 for the last two weeks of the league schedule shall be paid by each member before the third week of the schedule. Arrearages of one week will be allowed only with approval from the secretary-treasurer. All checks are to be payable to the league and no checks

will be accepted during the last four weeks of the schedule. All returned checks will be assessed a \$30.00 service fee in addition to whatever fees are levied against the league.

5. Salaries

The secretary-treasurer's salary shall be \$0.40 per bowler per night. The salary shall be paid at the completion of the league schedule. The President must verify the bank account monthly in accordance with USBC Bonding Rules.

6. League Funds

A league account with Northwest Federal Credit Union shall be opened in the league's name in which all league funds shall be deposited weekly. Withdrawals from the account shall be made only with the joint signatures of at least two authorized officers of the league.

7. Prizes and Awards

Prior to the start of the schedule, the league Vice President shall appoint a committee of at least three members to draw up three different prize lists. These prize lists shall be submitted to the league for approval and voted on by the league membership on or before the third week of the league schedule.

A majority of votes cast will determine the approved prize list. In the event a majority is not reached on the initial voting, all lists but the two with the most votes, including ties, will be dropped and another vote will be taken. Any changes from the approved prize list must receive a 100% vote from the league membership. Each team captain will receive a copy of the approved prize list.

To qualify for an individual award, the member, not a substitute, must have bowled at least two-thirds of the regularly scheduled games as a regular member and be contributing to the league's prize fund. Team and individuals can qualify for only one individual award with the exception of the Most Improved Bowler. High Average will be considered an individual award. Most Improved Bowler will be based on the improvement from the ninth game.

When a team and individual qualify for an award in each category and prizes are of equal value, the series prize will be awarded. In all other cases, the prize of higher value will be awarded.

Any league fees not recovered will be deducted from the team's standings money. Any amount over the estimated prize fund will be divided among the teams evenly.

8. Entering Averages

Each league member or substitute will establish their average after three consecutive games have been bowled in the same series.

9. Handicap

The handicap allowance shall be 90 percent and shall be based on the difference between each individual's average and the scratch figure of 220.

10. Team Rosters and Substitutes

Captains will submit a roster of team members to the secretary by the end of the first week of the schedule. Rosters will be limited to seven players. Any roster changes must be reported to the league secretary prior to the start of any series. No roster additions may be made on position rounds and on the final two weeks of the schedule.

This league does use roving, or floating, substitutes. Men may sub for women and women may sub for men provided the 4:1 gender ratio is adhered to. No new substitutes will be allowed on position rounds and during the last two weeks of the league schedule. Substitutes used on position rounds must have a current league average within (+ or -) 10 pins of the bowler they are replacing.

11. Legal Lineup

A legal lineup shall include at least two rostered bowlers by the end of the first frame.

12. Forfeitures

When a game has been declared forfeited, the team present shall bowl as though the game was actually contested. In order for the team present and bowling to win the points, they must bowl within 50 pins of their current team average. Teams who equal (tie) the score stated will be credited with one-half the points, as governed in head-to-head competition.

13. Absentee and Vacancy Scores

Absentee scores shall be allowed when a team has a legal lineup, but less than a full lineup, at the start of any game in a series. The absentee score shall be the absent member's average, less ten (10) pins, and full handicap. The regular member's absentee score used will be the one with the most games bowled in the league.

When the number of games is the same, the one used will be the one with the highest average. When a team does not have a full roster, the vacancy score of 180 and **no handicap** shall be used.

Barring special circumstances, a member's absentee score can be used for a maximum of four consecutive weeks, after which the member will be removed from the roster and the vacancy score will be used.

14. Postponements

If the team captains of opposing teams on a scheduled night of bowling agree to a mutual postponement and will bowl the match within seven days or less, they need only notify the

secretary-treasurer and pay the required fees. If the postponement requires more than seven days, the president will be notified and it will require the approval of the Board of Directors.

For those requests that are not emergencies, if the requesting team seeks a direct competition (head-to-head) postponement, the opposing team must comply with the request and coordinate an appropriate date and time for the postponement. If the two teams cannot agree to a date and time, it will be scheduled by the secretary or league officer not involved with the postponed match.

No postponements will be allowed the last two weeks of the league schedule without the Board of Directors approval. All postponed matches must be made up prior to the next position round.

15. Bowling Unopposed

Teams will be permitted to bowl unopposed and their scores shall count in deciding league games. For the first week of the schedule, only post bowls will be permitted (no pre bowls prior to the start of the schedule). If bowling unopposed, the league secretary and the opposing team captain must be notified. Honor scores rolled by those teams bowling unopposed outside of the regularly scheduled league night will not be honored, as governed by USBC rules.

16. Tardy Players

A member who arrives late may enter the game in progress provided that four frames have not been completed by the opposing team. Frames missed may be made up.

17. Position Standings

Position standings shall be determined on the basis of games won, with two points awarded for each game won and two points for total pins. Ties on position standings will be determined by total pins, including handicap, except for the league championship in which a playoff is used.

18. Playoffs

In the event of a tie for first place, a one game rolloff will be held immediately following the last night of bowling and total pins plus handicap for the single game will determine the league championship. In the event of a second tie, a complete tenth frame shall be rolled with one-tenth (1/10) of the handicap for one game being given for the extra frame.

For all places tied, other than first place, the position standings monies will be combined and divided equally between the teams tied. Use of floating substitutes must be in accordance with Rule 10.

19. Final Week Lockout

On the final night of competition, if the first place team is far enough ahead of second place that they can not be caught, the first place team will compete against the last place team. The

starting lanes for the final position round will match up the second versus third place teams; the next pair will match the fourth versus fifth place teams, etc

20. Withdrawals

When a team or individual withdraws from a league without a satisfactory reason or is expelled for sufficient cause, they forfeit their prize and any other monies for which they may have been eligible. The team or individual is also subject to suspension from membership through the local associations. Bowlers must give two weeks written notice to the league secretary and pay for those two weeks.

21. New Teams

A team which enters competition after the season is in progress shall assume the position standings for the team it replaces. The team shall qualify for all monies if it wins.

22. Bowling Start

Team captains are requested to instruct their players to commence their match when arrows appear and bowl immediately when it is their turn.

23. Protest

A protest or appeal involving eligibility or playing rules must be confirmed in writing to a responsible league or local association member not later than 15 days after the series in which the infraction occurred is bowled. If a written protest is not filed within that time, the series stands. Protest resulting out of competition on the final night of the league must be filed within 72 hours thereafter. Each protest under this rule must be specific in itself and this rule shall not be construed to cover a previous or similar violation.

24. Arrearages

No bowler will be allowed to become more than one week behind in their bowling fees. Any bowler who is currently \$18.00 in arrears must first pay the money owed before the start of bowling the next week. If a team captain allows any bowler to become two weeks in arrears and allows that bowler to bowl, the team will forfeit all games bowled while in arrears. A blind score must be used for any bowler more than one week behind in a payment and no substitutes may be used. All arrearages will be deducted from that team's payoff at the end of the season.

25. Equipment Abuse and Bowler Conduct

Abuse of bowling center equipment and excessive unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Equipment abuse includes, but is not limited to, the ball return, foul light mechanisms, computer consoles, settee area chairs and concourse furniture.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, profanity, physical gestures and unruly behavior by members, spectators and minor children that might be deemed offensive or inappropriate to other league members.

There will be no tolerance of equipment abuse. Any member who abuses equipment is subject to immediate expulsion from the league. Each member shall receive only one warning by the league officers for unsportsmanlike conduct. A second instance of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in the immediate expulsion from the league.

A member who is dismissed from the league for equipment abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct will forfeit any prize winnings for which he/she may have qualified. If the expulsion occurs in the middle of a game, a score of zero will be credited for each of the remaining frames, in accordance with USBC Rule 108b.

26. Unexplained Rules

Any rule not covered in these bylaws will be governed by the USBC Rule Book for the current season.

27. League Officers and World Wide Web Information

The league officers for the 2010 season, as elected by the general membership prior to the first night of bowling, are:

President:	Blanche Kochenthal	BKochen@aol.com	703-743-1521	703-502-2040
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The Smokeless Rollers league data will be available on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

http://www.house-bowlrz.org/Smokeless_Rollers